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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN JOSE DIVISION

MIRSAD HAJRO, JAMES R. MAYOCK

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP  
 AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES,  
 T. DIANE CEJKA, Director  
 USCIS National Records Center,  
 ROSEMARY MELVILLE,  
 USCIS District Director of San Francisco,  
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary  
 Department of Homeland Security,  
 MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney General  
 Department of Justice

Defendants

**No. C 08-1350 PSG**

**Notice Of Withdrawal Of  
 Plaintiffs' Alternative  
 Motion For Attorney's Fees  
 And Costs Under The Equal  
 Access To Justice Act  
 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)  
 And [Proposed] Order**

On June 5, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a Motion For Attorney's Fees And Costs Pursuant To the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA")(5 U.S.C. § 552(A)(4)(E) and, *alternatively*, under the Equal Access To Justice Act ("EAJA") (28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)) (Dkt.93 and 94). Plaintiffs now withdraw the alternative motion for attorneys' fees and costs under EAJA after determining that the EAJA motion was premature.

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 Pl. Withdrawal of Alternative EAJA Motion

1 EAJA states “A party seeking an award of fees and other expenses shall,  
2 within thirty days of final judgment in the action, submit to the court an  
3 application for fees and other expenses...” 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(1)(B). The term  
4 “final judgment” is defined in the statute as “a judgment that is final and not  
5 appealable”. 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)(2)(G). (“[W]e...construe the Act’s definition of  
6 ‘final judgment’ as designating the date on which a party’s case has met its  
7 final demise, such that there is no longer any possibility that the district  
8 court’s judgment is open to attack.” *(internal punctuation omitted)* *Al-Harbi v.*  
9 *INS*, 284 F.3d 1080, 1084 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002). Since the Court’s decision in this  
10 case is currently on appeal in the Ninth Circuit, the judgment is not yet “final”  
11 and therefore the filing of the alternative EAJA motion was premature.  
12 Plaintiffs’ counsel apologizes for any confusion caused by this incorrect filing.

13 However, no such rule applies to a motion for attorney’s fees and costs  
14 under FOIA. Therefore, Plaintiffs’ motion for attorney’s fees and costs under  
15 FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(A)(4)(E)) should remain on calendar for a hearing on July  
16 24, 2012 at 10 a.m.

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18 Dated: June 9, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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21 Kip Evan Steinberg  
22 Attorney for Plaintiffs  
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**[Proposed] Order**

Plaintiffs' alternative motion for attorney's fees and costs under the Equal Access To Justice (28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)) is withdrawn. Plaintiffs' motion for attorney's fees and costs under the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA")(5 U.S.C. § 552(A)(4)(E) remains on the Court's calendar for July 24, 2012 at 10 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Paul S. Grewal  
United States Magistrate Judge